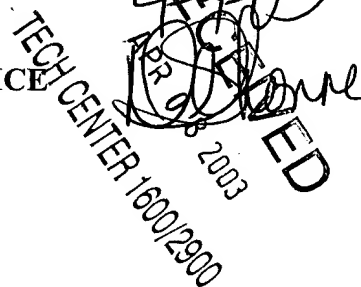


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper 8) mailed on March 10, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (Claims 1-17), drawn to a method for stimulating kidney tubule formation by using Wnt or its agonist. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims which are equal to or broader in scope in this, or future applications related to the above-identified patent application.

CONCLUSION

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21508-033 Natl.).

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